

Evangelism Bible Conference

First Baptist Church, Starkville

Feb. 7-9

Monday evening

Presiding—Guy Henderson

THEME: "CONVERSION TO A WITNESSING LIFESTYLE"

6:30 "I will proclaim your greatness my God and King" Psalm 145:1
Instrumental Mississippi Churchmen Instrumental Ensemble
Louis Niplo, Director

6:45 "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised" Psalm 48:1
Keyboard Praise Ray Harris
Kathy Anderson
Dot Pray

7:00 Prayer
"Praise the Lord, O my soul" Psalm 103:2
Vocal Witness Martha Branham
Congregational Singing Dan C. Hall, Leading
Welcome Guy Henderson
7:20 Bible Study — Acts 9
7:50 Strategy for Evangelism Harold Senger
8:10 Musical Messages
"Praise the Lord, O my soul" Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Dan C. Hall, Leading
Choral Message Church Choir, F.B.C. Starkville
Truitt Roberts, Director

"My lips shall praise thee" Psalm 63:3
Vocal Message Martha Branham
The Evangelized Becoming Evangelists John Bisagno
9:15 Vocal Benediction Wilson Henderson
9:30 (Reception sponsored by Mississippi Evangelists)

Tuesday morning

Presiding—Bryant M. Cummings

THEME: "CHARACTERISTICS OF A WITNESSING LIFESTYLE"

8:30 "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised" Psalm 48:1
Praise from the keyboard Ray Harris
Dot Pray

8:55 "My lips shall praise thee" Psalm 63:3
Vocal Witness Gretta Lloyd
Prayer
"Praise the Lord, O my soul" Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Bob Walzup, Leading
Bible Study — Acts 7 & 8 Harold Senger
9:45 Break for Conference
10:00 CONFERENCES
11:00 Witness through music
"Praise the Lord, O my soul" Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Bob Walzup, Leading
Continuing Witness Training Kermit McGregor
11:15 Vocal Message Martha Branham
11:20 Message: Compassion For the Lost John Bisagno

Tuesday afternoon

Presiding—Guy Henderson

THEME: "CONFLICTS IN THE WITNESSING LIFESTYLE"

1:20 "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: Psalm 48:1
Praise From the Keyboard Ray Harris, Kathy Anderson,
Dot Pray

1:45 Bible Study, Acts 4:1-12 Ed Young
Congregational Singing John Burke, Leading
Vocal Witness Martha Branham

2:15 Break for Conference
2:30 CONFERENCES
3:30 Break for General Session
3:40 "My lips will praise thee" — Psalm 63:3
Congregational Singing John Burke, Leading
Vocal Message Lisa Dismukes & Mark McClain
3:50 Message: The Secret of Victory Roy Fish
Ephesians 6:13-20

4:20 Adjourn

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Bridge of love is built with birthday cakes

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
Jerry Lee Moore of Milwaukee, Wisc., an inmate of Parchman's satellite camp at Pittsboro, got two birthday cakes for his 32nd birthday. He got one on Jan. 14 and shared it with fellow members of a work crew in Calhoun City, while a Baptist Record photo-

individual's personal testimony always is included with the cake.
Mrs. Howell (Maxine) Reese, member of First Baptist Church, Calhoun City, and mission action chairman for that church's WMU, is coordinator of the ministry. She schedules persons or churches to bake and de-



Jerry Lee Moore, right, inmate at Calhoun Community Correctional Treatment Center, shares his birthday cake with fellow prisoners. The cake was delivered by women from First Baptist Church, Calhoun City. The women are, l to r, Lorene Goodson, Martha Kate Phillips, Ava Reeves, Marguerite Ball, WMU director, and Maxine Reese.

grapher took his picture. The next day, at the correctional treatment center, he got the "real thing," his name written on it in icing.

This happened because of an associational mission action project which has been undertaken by the WMU and Brotherhood of Calhoun County. Women from participating churches bake birthday cakes for the prisoners at Pittsboro. Men, and sometimes women, deliver them. The recipient is allowed to go to the administrator's trailer outside the gate to meet the donors and to get his cake. A New Testament, a tract, or a statement of an

liver on the proper dates. One month is assigned to each church; a couple of smaller churches occasionally share a month. If Mrs. Reese can find go one to bake the cake at the right time, she does it herself. On occasion, she has received word of the birthday on the actual day and has had to rush to get the cake made and delivered, but she said that, so far as she knows, no prisoner's birthday has been skipped yet. Acts, BYW, and even GAs have sometimes been asked to make cakes.

The deliveries must be made after 5 p.m. during the week, after the men return from work, or on Sundays after

3 p.m. Since the beginning in mid-1982, at least 40 deliveries have been made.

Mrs. Reese, who was originator of this mission action idea, remembered that her mother used to take cakes to prisoners at Pittsboro many years ago.

Mrs. Curtis (Lorene) Goodson, another member of First, Calhoun City, and the WMU prayer chairman, added another facet. She began cooking dinner for the crews who work to keep the Calhoun City streets in shape. She saw men in her yard picking up fallen limbs, and invited the men to lunch. Later she reported, "Don't think they didn't take their hats off when I asked the blessing!" This was to be the first of a regular service for her, as she began cooking dinner for the crews fairly often, as a personal ministry. Soon the men began to call her "Mama Goodson."

On Jan. 14 Mrs. Goodson cooked lunch for 15 prisoners. The men that day came to her house in their work trucks and parked out front. Jimmy Hollis, a city employee, and Mrs. Goodson took the food in paper plates to the men in the trucks. A little later, Mrs. Goodson took the birthday cake to Jerry Lee Moore and he shared it with the other men, where they were eating in the office of their supervisor. G. C. Cooner, Jr. (Cooner, alderman and street commissioner and member of First Baptist Church, Calhoun City, said he figures the prisoners save his city at least \$2,000 a week.)

On May 18, 1982, the Satellite Mission Action Project Committee launched this endeavor, to be spearheaded by the WMU and Brotherhood in each church. First Baptist Church, Vardaman, took the first month.

The committee members include Mrs. Maxine Reese, chairman and coordinator; David Mitchell, associational Brotherhood director; Mrs. Thomas (Martha Kate) Phillips, associational WMU director; Kermit Dukes, prison counselor; Marvin D. Bibb, Calhoun associational director

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Radio-TV Commission sets ACTS rules; thanks Clower

By Greg Warner
FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Trustees of the Radio and Television Commission (RTVC) have unanimously approved a comprehensive strategy launching the American Christian Television System (ACTS) in March 1984. During the meeting they honored a Mississippian.

In other board action during its Jan. 24-25 meeting, the trustees announced James Landes, retired director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, would serve as development consultant to the commission, approved a policy for handling controversy and thanked Mississippi comedian Jerry Clower for his ten-year association with "Country Crossroads."

The ACTS plan, which was the product of a five-month study by a staff task force, included a tentative program schedule for 16 hours of daily broadcast. The majority of the programming would be produced by the RTVC, while some would be purchased from outside producers.

ACTS plans to broadcast six hours of new programming each day and repeat other programs for 10 hours. No programs will be repeated on the same day or at the same time of day, however. The cost of acquiring and producing the programming was estimated at \$3.3 million dollars for the first year.

Although ACTS will be non-commercial and make no appeals for money on the air, it will provide revenue through direct mail, commercial recognition (similar to those used

in public broadcasting), and from a system of sharing the satellite delivery costs. "From the very beginning, we expected to receive approximately \$162,000 per month," said Ron Dixon, RTVC vice president of media services.

Participating churches and TV stations will be asked to share the delivery costs on a proportionate basis. Each low-power TV station will pay \$500 per month. Full-power stations will be charged \$1,000 per month. Churches using ACTS on cable TV will be asked to share the costs at a rate of 10 cents per month for each resident member.

The satellite to be used to deliver ACTS programming to the stations and churches will cost the RTVC \$175,000 per month.

The task force, chaired by RTVC's Executive Vice President Luke Williams, also presented a strategy for counseling viewers who respond by telephone to ACTS broadcasts, a plan to enlarge and improve RTVC production facilities and a schedule for building the "uplink," or satellite transmitter unit.

The RTVC has asked the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for \$6.4 million to meet capital needs during 1984-88, while committing to raise \$2.6 million on its own.

After kneeling in prayer, the trustees unanimously adopted the report. Board Chairman John Hughes of Independence, Mo., called the action "a milestone and a step of faith."

Reagan remains interested in "social" law reform

By Stan Hastey
WASHINGTON (BP)—President Reagan has renewed a pledge to fight for his so-called "social" agenda, in-

cluding the restoration of group prayer in public schools, tuition tax credits for parents whose children attend nonpublic schools and a ban on abortion.

Speaking from Camp David Jan. 22 during his weekly radio broadcast, the president sought to reassure some of his most ardent supporters he has not lost sight of their primary concerns despite concentrating on fiscal matters the first two years of his administration.

Alluding to his State of the Union message to Congress and to the fiscal 1984 budget he must submit to lawmakers by the end of January, Reagan said, "I also want you to know we'll not ignore the moral essentials in the coming months."

He promised to push again for a constitutional amendment which by White House admission would restore the power of state legislatures and local school boards to write and require the recitation of prayers in public school classrooms, a practice struck down by the Supreme Court in 1962.

But Reagan insisted in his radio address that what he seeks is "voluntary" prayer, saying, "No one must ever be forced or pressured to take part in any religious exercise." The White House has told reporters on previous occasions that what this means is that individual children who object to the public prayers could be excused from the classroom during their recitation.

The president added: "The public expression through prayer of our faith in God is a fundamental part of our American heritage and a privilege which should not be excluded from our (Continued on page 2)

Anecdotes sought regarding readership

In anticipation of Baptist Record Sunday, June 5, the Baptist Record is interested in stories concerning its effect on readers. Any previously unpublished anecdotes about life-changing experiences related to the reading of the Baptist Record would be in order. An example might be if a person read an article in the Baptist Record on missions and actually volunteered for mission work.

The Baptist Record is also interested in "kind words"—anyone who has something nice to say about the paper. The paper is, of course, always interested in hearing nice things as well as criticisms, but this is for a series of features for Baptist Record Sunday.

Send stories and testimonies to the Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Landes, who retired as head of Texas Baptists in December, will assume his role as consultant to the RTVC immediately. President Jimmy Allen said the commission is still seeking a vice president of development.

Admitting controversy is inevitable for a national TV network, the trustees adopted the guidelines for the RTVC management in handling conflicts that arise through the ACTS network. The policy states ACTS will adhere to the broadcast industry standards of the Fairness Doctrine and Television Code of the National Association of Broadcasters. While maintaining the "freedom of the pulpit," ACTS will draw on the Baptist Faith and Message Statement as a guide to doctrinal integrity.

In a special appreciation luncheon Jan. 25, the trustee board named Clower "Ambassador at Large" for the RTVC. The entertainer has donated his time to co-host the weekly "Country Crossroads" radio program

since 1972. Testimonials at the luncheon came from several "Crossroads" listeners who had received spiritual help from the program.

Other board action allocated \$1.3 million in 1982-83 Bold Mission Thrust advance funds to acquisition and production of programming for ACTS. Last year the trustees requested and received the 20 percent share of the advance funds, the money given to the Cooperative Program in excess of its budget.

Trustees also agreed to spend up to \$50,000, to be raised through special gifts, for occasional broadcasts on an existing satellite network later this year. The air time will be used to promote the 1984 launch of the network. The board also asked the commission staff to study the possibility of using and marketing a series of TV spot announcements.

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(Warner writes news for the RTVC.)

Craig is state coordinator for prayer mobilization

Prayer mobilization coordinators for the Southern Baptist Convention June 14 to 16 in Pittsburgh, Pa., have been selected by John Sullivan, first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The coordinator for Mississippi is Earl Craig, pastor of First Church, Jackson.

Sullivan is pastor of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, La. During the convention, according to Sullivan, there will be prayer rooms at both the convention facility and in the convention hotel. The coordinators selected from each state convention will be the hosts at certain periods for the continuous prayer meetings that will be going on in these two locations.

At the convention facility there will be eight sessions of the convention of about three hours each, Sullivan said. The prayer room will have constant communication with the platform to determine prayer needs. Prayer times there will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday and go to 9 p.m. Tuesday, be the same for Wednesday, and on Thursday begin at 9 a.m. and go to 11 a.m.

At the William Penn Hotel, the headquarters hotel, the prayer times will begin at 10 p.m. on Monday and go to 1 a.m. on Tuesday, begin at 6 a.m. on

Tuesday and go to 1 a.m. on Wednesday, begin at 6 a.m. on Wednesday and go to 1 a.m. on Thursday, and begin at 6 a.m. on Thursday and go to 1 p.m.

The two Mississippi prayer hours will be at the hotel from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Thursday.

Sullivan has suggested that a special prayer Sunday be established in each state before the convention. He has also suggested a list of prayer items for weekly prayer sessions before the convention.

These include the pre-convention meetings; the local church revivals in the Pittsburgh area; the Pastors' Conference; the Woman's Missionary Union Convention; convention officials; the convention officers; the state prayer coordinators; the convention preacher; the elections; the evangelists' conference; the day of prayer; the boards, commissions, and agencies; the resolutions, credentials, and all special committees; the committee on committees; the committee on boards; the Executive Committee as the budget is presented; the business sessions; for Christian courtesy during debates; and continued progress of Bold Mission Thrust.

Missionaries help booted Africans

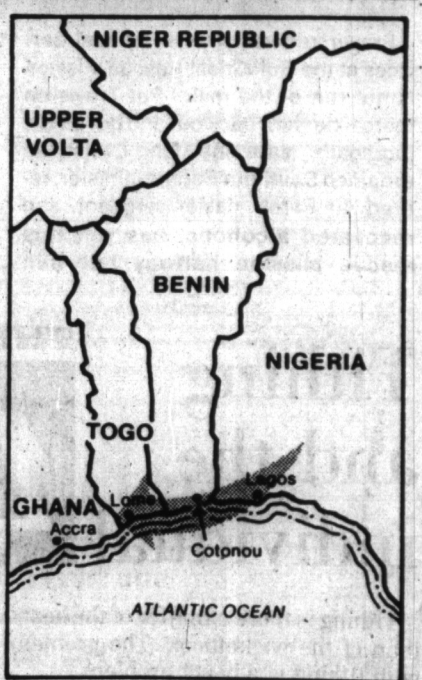
LOME, Togo (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries have rushed to aid thousands of Africans expelled from Nigeria and stranded on the beaches of Togo with no shelter, food or water.

The crowd swelled from 10,000 to about 50,000 in about a day's time and is still growing, according to Clayton Bond, Southern Baptist missionary in Lome, Togo, near the Ghanaian border.

Conditions are so bad, he reports, that babies are being born on the beaches. On Jan. 26, the third day of the crisis, Bond and three other SBC missionaries in Lome distributed bread to 10,000 people, using \$20,000 allocated by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for food, water, and medical supplies. Southern Baptists had begun aid as soon as refugees arrived and were still the only group providing food. The Red Cross was beginning medical aid.

"The board offered to send an emergency medical team, but was turned down by the Togo government, which said it already had the medical personnel needed."

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In about two days, more than 50,000 Africans expelled from Nigeria piled up at the closed Togo-Ghana border, waiting to move into Ghana, which is home for most of them. Southern Baptist missionaries in Lome immediately began distributing food, water, and medical supplies to the thousands stranded on Togo's beaches. The Nigerian government had announced it was expelling expatriates without work permits to reserve jobs for Nigerians.

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Tuesday evening

Presiding—Bryant M. Cummings

THEME: "CHANNELS FOR A WITNESSING LIFESTYLE"

- 6:30 "I will proclaim your greatness my God and King" Psalm 145:1
Instrumental Music Mississippi Churchmen Handbells
Graham Smith, Director
- 6:50 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" Psalm 66:1
Vocal Witness Tommy & Diane Winders
Congregational Singing Jerry Swimmer, Leading
- 7:00 Bible Study—Channels For Witnessing Ed Young
- 7:30 "My lips shall praise thee" Psalm 63:3
Congregational Singing Jerry Swimmer, Leading
Vocal Witness Lester Mason
- 7:45 Message: The Church Equips Witnesses Roy Fish
- 8:15 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" Psalm 66:1
Congregational Singing from "Glory Songs" Jimmie McCaleb, Leading
Choral Message North Mississippi Singing Churchmen Ensemble
Ray Burke, Director
- Vocal Witness Martha Branham
- 8:40 Message: The Market Place, Our Channel of Witnessing Junior Hill
- A Closing Message Through Multi-Image and Music Dot-Ellis

Wednesday morning

Presiding—Guy Henderson

THEME: "COMMITMENT TO A WITNESSING LIFESTYLE"

- 8:45 "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised" Psalm 48:1
Praise from the Keyboards Ray Harris
Dot Pray
- "My lips shall praise thee" Psalm 63:3
Vocal Witness Martha Branham
Congregational Singing Gene Gillis, Leading
- 9:00 Bible Study—Commitment to a Witnessing Lifestyle
Acts 4:31-33 Ed Young
- 9:40 "Praise the Lord, O my soul" Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Gene Gillis, Leading
- 9:50 "My lips shall praise Thee" Psalm 63:3
Mini Concert by Music Evangelists
Ann Colbert; Ronnie Cottingham; Tracy Simmons; Gary Cornett; Pam Bell; Bobby Shurden (and trio); and Denise Riley
- 10:30 Your Church and the Guest Evangelist Tom Hudson
- 10:40 Message: Entrust to Faithful Men, II Timothy 2:2 Junior Hill
- 11:10 Prayer Period
- 11:25 Vocal Benediction Martha Branham

Resort conference slated this month

ATLANTA—Missionaries, pastors and missions administrators in southeastern state conventions, who relate to resort missions, are invited to participate in a Regional Resort Missions Conference, Feb. 21-23, 1983, at the Blue Springs Baptist Assembly in Marianna, Fla.

The conference will focus on the growing resort mission opportunities in the eastern Sun Belt. Topics for the conference include: Senior Adults in Resort Settings; High Rise Resort Condominiums; Internationals in Resorts; Theme Parks and Commercial Attractions; Recreational Vehicle

Campgrounds; and Beach Ministries for Singles and Families.

The conference also will offer workshops on day camping, clowning, puppetry, resort music, creative worship, street ministry and other resort ministry tools.

Program personalities include Mike Parker, magician/student, Mississippi College, Clinton.

To make reservations for the Conference, contact the Cooperative Mission department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, phone 968-3800. Cost of the conference will be \$24 per person. The registration deadline is Feb. 10.

Summer staff search begins in Mississippi

The search is on for summer staffers for three of Mississippi Baptists camping institutions, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Camp Garaywa, and Central Hills Baptist Retreat.

Directors of each program will be on college campuses Feb. 14-23 to recruit summer staffers.

Frank Simmons, manager of Gulfshore needs students to work in food services, housekeeping, registration and office, first aid, grounds and maintenance, and Red Cross trained lifeguards.

D. P. Smith, who runs G.A. and Ac-teens camps, needs a nurse, cabin counselors, directors for recreation and cookouts, crafts, music and drama, the Trading Post, the office, and lifeguards. She also needs three seminary students or school teachers as unit leaders.

Jim Didlake, who operates the Central Hills camping program, needs counselors, activity instructors for archery, riflery, lake front, and lifeguards. Didlake can also use some high school students as staff assistants.

Dan West, manager at Central Hills, needs farm management workers,

and grounds and maintenance workers.

The recruiting schedule will be to meet at the Baptist Student Union offices Feb. 14 at Mississippi Delta Junior College and Holmes Junior College; Feb. 15 at Northwest Junior College, Blue Mountain, and Delta State; Feb. 16 at Mississippi State and Mississippi University for Women; and Feb. 17 at Itawamba Junior College, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, and Ole Miss.

Feb. 21 at Co-Lin, Southwest Junior College, and Pearl River Junior College; Feb. 22 at William Carey and Jones County Junior College;

Feb. 23 at University of Southern Mississippi, Clarke College, and East Central Junior College.

Contact Baptist Student Union directors for times for the meetings.

If a person is not able to meet at the scheduled dates, contact the director of the summer program for which there is interest in employment. Jim Didlake and D. P. Smith may be written at Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Frank Simmons is at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571.

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schools."

On tuition tax credits, Reagan reasserted his often expressed view that parents whose children attend parochial schools are subjected to a form of double taxation because they pay taxes to support public schools and tuition to private schools. "I think they're entitled to some relief since they're supporting two school systems and only using one," he declared.

Reagan sought to answer criticism that such a plan would amount to another tax break for the wealthy by saying the majority of parochial school students "are from families earning less than \$25,000." He added that "in many parochial schools, the majority of students are from minority neighborhoods."

The president also renewed his call for a constitutional amendment banning abortion. Noting that he spoke on the tenth anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision striking down state laws that previously banned the practice, he stated the belief that "God's greatest gift is human life and that we have a duty to protect the life of an unborn child."

"Until someone can prove the un-

born child is not a life, shouldn't we give it the benefit of the doubt and assume it is?"

During the last Congress, none of the three issues addressed by Reagan received final action. Although the Senate Judiciary Committee voted out a constitutional amendment on abortion, it never reached the floor for a vote.

A bill providing watered-down tuition tax credits was voted out of the Senate Finance Committee but it too failed to come to a final vote. The proposed prayer amendment never came out of committee.

On the House side of Capitol Hill, no action was taken on any of the measures.

(Hastey writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)

A "wonder drug" is a medicine that makes you wonder whether you can afford to get sick these days.

It's one thing to guarantee free speech in this country, but it's another thing to guarantee its quality.

Kong named Hawaii exec

HONOLULU (BP)—Dan H. Kong, 54, vice president-development of the Hawaii Baptist Academy, was unanimously elected executive director-treasurer of the Hawaii Baptist Convention at a called meeting of the executive board Jan. 22. He will assume his new post March 1.

Mrs. Kong is a Mississippian. Kong succeeds Edmund Walker, recently appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as national consultant for senior adult ministries based in California.

Kong, a graduate of Leilehua High School, attended Michigan State University and received his B.A. from Georgetown College in Kentucky. After graduating from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., he returned to Hawaii in 1954 as the first full-time native pastor of a Southern Baptist Church in Hawaii.

Kong served at First Baptist Church of Wahiawa, the denomination's oldest church in the islands, until 1960 when he was called to the pastorate of the Olivet Baptist Church where he served until 1973. He joined the staff of the Hawaii Baptist Academy in 1973 as vice president for development.

He is married to the former Mary Eleanor Braddock of Ripley, Miss. She currently is interim associate director of Cooperative Missions for the state convention. They have four daughters. Mrs. Kong's mother operates a store in Ripley.

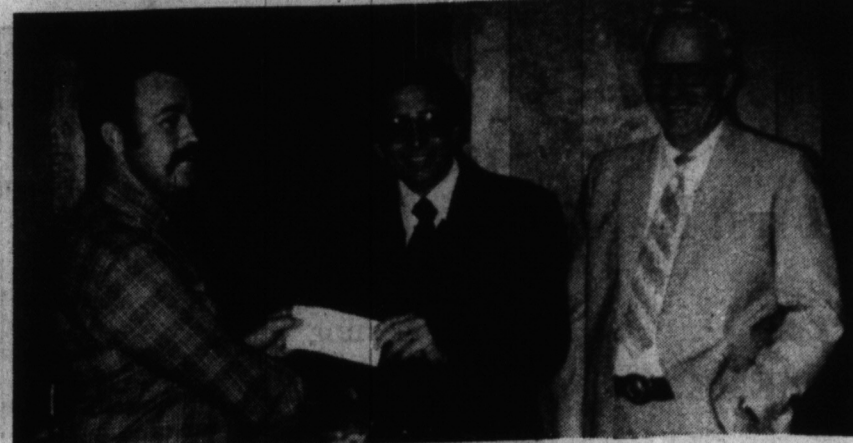
Hawaii Baptist Convention, has 12,000-members, 43 fully organized churches, 10 church-type missions and 10 language congregations.

Injured Brazil MK recovering well

CAMPINAS, Brazil (BP)—Missionary kid Brent Depee is recovering well at home following emergency surgery Jan. 2 for a ruptured small intestine.

Depee, son of Southern Baptist missionaries Kent and Donna Depee of Missouri, was injured Dec. 30 when he was thrown against a tree while riding a horse. Surgery was performed at a Brasilia hospital after a difficult 450-mile journey by taxi from rural Barreiras.

The young Depee was released from the hospital Jan. 13 and returned by airplane to Campinas, where his parents are studying Portuguese. He is recovering faster than expected, family members said, and may return to school in February if progress continues.



Missions money for rebuilding

A check for \$2,500 from Mississippi Baptists was delivered to the chairman of deacons and pastor of Greenville Church, Lumberton, by Frank Harmon, center above, pastor of First Church, Purvis. Harmon is a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The check came from funds in the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions. The Greenville church was destroyed by fire, and the check was for aid in rebuilding. At left is Donald Smith, chairman of deacons; and at right is J. D. Alexander, pastor. Alexander expressed appreciation for the check and other incidences of help from individuals and agencies.

Cooperative Program giving continues rise

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention received more than \$6.85 million during the last month of 1982 to help fund the mission and educational programs of the national convention. That was \$1,891,363 more than the Cooperative Program received during December, 1982—an increase of almost 28 percent.

Additionally, another \$2,073,817 in designated gifts (mostly to the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board) was received by SBC agencies during December.

Since October, when the SBC fiscal year begins, Southern Baptists in the 36,000 SBC churches around the country have given \$24,015,420 to the Cooperative Program—16.42 percent and \$3,872,880 ahead of the first quarter of the last fiscal year.

The first quarter giving surge was widespread as 31 of the 34 regional conventions increased their gifts to the national CP over a year ago. Nine regional conventions are up more than 20 percent each and 24 have increased more than 10 percent.

Florida is third in percentage increase (43.89) and has given \$1,559,857; South Carolina is seventh (23.61) and has given \$1,449,162; Missouri is eighth (22.31), \$1,055,829; Texas is ninth (22.08, \$4,051,950); and Oklahoma is tenth (17.08, \$1,586,872).

The Internal Revenue Service received through the mail a batch of buttons and the following slogan, "You got the shirt last year."

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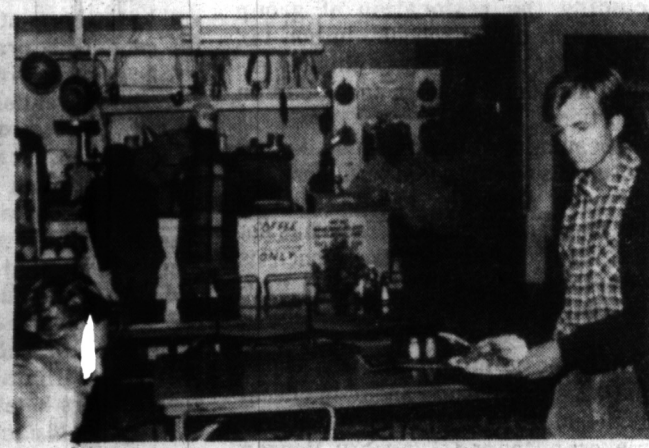
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Getting off "the jug"

Prayer request time in chapel services at the Gulf Coast Rescue Mission is not run of the mill: "Put Travis on there—he went back out and got on the jug again," says one. John Christy an ordained Southern Baptist minister, retired Air Force master sergeant, and recovered alcoholic, has run this rescue mission halfway between

Gulfport and Biloxi for 14 years. The two-acre campus has buildings built by homemade concrete blocks and Christy puts the transients to work keeping it clean. Several area Baptist, Assembly of God, and Presbyterian churches have the mission in their budgets. The mission can house 42 men, and 18 women and children. An

addict can stay indefinitely "if he means business" and receive counseling from Christy who is a William Carey College graduate. Attendance at daily chapel services is required. Board member, retired chaplain Lonnie Knight, says the failure rate is high, "however, the few that do an about face... make it a worthwhile effort."

Tithing and the individual



Tithing is more a matter of the heart than of the pocketbook. The problem with tithing is a heart problem.

When King David was raising funds for the ancient Temple, he spoke to the nation, telling them of his personal efforts and superlative personal gift for the project. Then he asked the nation, "Who will give himself and all that he has to the Lord?" (1 Chr. 29:5).

As Paul appealed to the Corinthians to give, he gave the example of the Macedonians who had given so magnanimously to Paul's relief offering. He explained their generosity by saying, "... they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God" (II Cor. 8:5).

Christians don't support the church because their value system is all out of focus. They are majoring on minors and minoring on majors. They are trying so desperately to "live it up" that they are failing to really live a life of peace, happiness and joy. They are trying to get more out of this world than there is in it.

Jesus said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things (food-drink-clothes) shall be added to you. For all these things the Gentiles (unbelievers) eagerly

seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things" (Matt. 6:32-33).

This admonition not only means that one goes to church but that he gives of his goods that the work of the church may prosper. How are you building your life?

Jesus said, "Therefore every one who hears these words of mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it" (Matt. 7:24-27).

Tithing for the obedient Christian is not optional.

"The tithe is the Lord's. It is holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27:30).

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Sunday School growth "adventures" slated

Two "Adventures in Sunday School Growth" sessions will take place in north Mississippi in March.

The first will be at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, Mar. 15; the second Mar. 17 at First Church, Nesbit.

Each will meet 7-9:30 p.m. And each will be led by Ron Lewis.

Lewis is a private church growth consultant. He is co-author of the Broadman Press book *Designs for Church Growth*. He is a former staffer with the Sunday School Board and was director of the division of Church Development for the Illinois Baptist Convention.

These meetings, designed for Sunday School teachers and church staff, are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School department.

Raleigh will begin broadcast

First Baptist Church of Raleigh will begin broadcasting its Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m. over WSJC-FM (107.5) in Magee, on Sunday, Feb. 6. Jon Doler is pastor and Dewitt Pickering is minister of music.

WMU emphasis By Love Compelled

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Woman's Missionary Union national Executive Board during its January meeting approved plans for national WMU work for 1984-85, launched a massive prayer network for a 1984 convention, and initiated plans for WMU's Centennial celebration.

"By Love Compelled" will be the official 1984-85 WMU emphasis. In that period, WMUs will focus on greater personal involvement in missions through mission action.

Plans also call for more in-depth training of WMU members to equip them for mission action.

The board also approved goals for the two national missions offerings. The 1984 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions will total \$72 million. The 1985 Annie Armstrong

Easter Offering for home missions will be \$32 million.

The board, along with state and national WMU staffs, also launched a nationwide prayer network, committing themselves to pray regularly for the national Acteens convention, held every five years.

According to Marti Solomon, national Acteen consultant, the network will be implemented by state WMUs who will ask women to pledge their prayer support for the convention, July 18-21, 1984, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Bea McRae of Lumberton, N. C., president of North Carolina WMU is chairman of the WMU Centennial committee.

In other business, Beth Gilreath of Charlotte, N. C., chairman of the relocation committee, announced that the Executive Board voted not to hold a fund raising drive for its new national headquarters now being built. Gilreath said individual contributions would be accepted, however.

WMU staff will occupy the building in the spring of 1984.

Evelyn Blount, director of WMU's national enlargement plan, announced that 1,652 new WMU organizations were started in 1982. She expressed optimism for national enlargement, saying that of the 1,948 churches contacted, 88 percent plan to start WMU.

Blount also recognized the following state conventions which reached their 1982 goals: Alabama, Maryland/New England, Nevada and Utah/Idaho.

Although the national enlargement will formally end Sept. 30, 1983, the board approved an enlistment goal of 2 million women, girls and preschoolers by September 1988.

Missionaries help booted Africans

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The Nigerian government announced it was expelling expatriates without work permits to reserve jobs for Nigerians. Two to three million people may be in Nigeria without work permits, according to John Mills, who directs the board's work in West Africa, but he cannot estimate how many will be affected by the order.

Mills says he expects the problem to ease in coming weeks as borders open or refugees move north through Upper Volta, which has open borders with both Togo and Ghana.



Clower named ambassador-at-large

Grand Ole Opry comedian Jerry Clower was honored for his contributions to the Radio and Television Commission's "Country Crossroads" radio show and named the agency's "Ambassador-At-Large" at a special luncheon during the trustees' January meeting in Fort Worth. With Clower are Jimmy R. Allen, (left), RTVC president, and Trustee J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, Miss.



"39ers" register as 200th club

"THE 39ers," SENIOR ADULT CLUB OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TERRY was visited on Jan. 25 by Mose Dangerfield, Mississippi Baptist senior adult consultant, and registered as the 200th such club in Mississippi. John Renfro is minister of activities. Wayne Coleman is pastor. This club has nearly 50 who have attended its first few meetings.

The club is directed presently by a committee composed of Mrs. Alma Birdsong, Mrs. Liles Grantham, Mrs. Edith Mangum, Mrs. Dot Reagin, and Fred Dean.

"All such clubs for senior adults are invited to register their club with the senior adult consultant in the Church Training Department in the Baptist Building," said Dangerfield. "This means they will be informed of events, news, and emphases related to their senior adult ministry."

Loyd pastor dies

Billy T. McDaniels, pastor of Loyd Baptist Church, Calhoun County, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, of a heart attack. Funeral services were held Jan. 20 at the funeral home in Grenada. Interment was in Indianola.

McDaniels was a school teacher as well as a pastor, and was teaching in Yalobusha County. He had served former pastorates in Yalobusha County, plus three other churches in Calhoun County.

Library clinic set at Broadmoor

A regional church media library clinic is set for Feb. 4-5 at Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Focus will be on promotion and a general overview of modern library work.

The clinic, sponsored by the Sunday School Board, will feature James Rose and Jean Adkinson of the Board and will begin at 2:30 p.m. with registration. Registration fee is \$15 at the door. The clinic ends at noon Saturday.



Lorene Goodson cooks lunch for 15 prisoners from Pittsboro on assignment in Calhoun City, while Ava Reeves, Baptist Women president at First Baptist, Calhoun City, lends assistance.

Bridge of love is built

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of missions; Bob Cook, chairman of the associational mission action committee.

Later they set up guidelines, so cakes would be similar: "Bake a plain cake, layer or sheet. Decorate with icing, not elaborate. Use simple wording—Happy birthday—person's name. Use different colors if you like. We want this to be a personal witness for that individual. Include a birthday card signed by your WMU, Brotherhood, or church. You may add a personal word on your card." To this was to be added a testimony and/or tract.

The prisoners may do as they wish with their own cakes—share them or keep them. One young boy asked the administrator if he could keep his cake in the freezer to share later with his mother.

John Warner, prison camp administrator, (a Methodist), said that the men do appreciate the cakes—even the ones who might not admit it—and that anyone omitted would feel hurt or jealous. (Sweets are not on their regular menus, Cooner said.)

Warner explained that there are six such satellite prison camps around the state, and that the 50 or 60 men chosen to be sent to Pittsboro are ones who have not, to his knowledge, done crimes of violence, such as rape or murder.

Many of the people who have become involved in this ministry have taken a personal interest in some of the prisoners. For instance, Martha Bell Hubbard of the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church got to know a teen-age prisoner quite well and when he was released asked him to stay at her house until money arrived from his parents to enable him to go home. He expressed his love and loyalty to her and her family by keeping her car washed and waxed.

A letter from the project committee said to the churches, "I was ... in

prison and you visited me' (Matt. 25:36). We can do no less for these who have done wrong—yes—but our ministry may make the difference in life eternal with Jesus or eternal punishment."

Mrs. Martha Phillips stated, "The individual's name on his cake is to let him know someone cares about him as a person. Though these men have done wrong, we want to share God's love for them and our love for them. This ministry may be a bridge to the prisoners, opening up a way for a chaplain or minister or another person to witness to them."

Morgan dies

Lelah C. Morgan, 104, Southern Baptists' oldest retired foreign missionary, died Jan. 21 in Columbia, S.C. Photographed in 1978, when she reached 100, Morgan refused to make a fuss about her age. "She spends her extra time in prayer," her daughter Constance said in 1981. "That's her interest." After 27 years as missionaries to China, where they worked with Lottie Moon and other pioneers, Morgan and her late husband, Edgar L., led prayer retreats and Bible conferences for many years. She continued an extensive prayer ministry from her home until the end. (BP) PHOTO courtesy of The Baptist Courier, South Carolina.

1st, McComb to burn note

First Baptist Church, McComb, will have a note burning service Sunday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m., announced Alan Day, pastor. The church completed its worship center in 1975. The original note was for 15 years, but the church has been able to retire it in 7½ years, Day said.

Following the note burning celebration, a fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Rogers to begin pilot project in Rankin County

Foy Rogers, who retired in 1982 as director of the Cooperative Missions department of the Mississippi Baptist

Convention Board, has accepted a part time position with Rankin County Baptist Association as a consultant in outreach ministries.

This is a pilot project in which he will seek to assist Rankin County churches, especially churches that have a staff of one, in outreach ministries.

Rogers, who lives in the Rock Hill community south of Brandon, will serve under supervision of the Rankin director of missions, J. C. Renfro; the associational moderator, R. C. Rice; the chairman of the associational missions committee, Howard Benton; and the chairman of the associational personnel committee, A. L. Benton, Jr.

Primarily, he will work with one church at a time. In this, he said he hopes to assist churches in a study of their present programs of work; to evaluate the programs in the light of church needs and purposes; to help churches discover needs of the church and community; to evaluate church resources in the light of these needs and to suggest training and organization required to meet the needs.

Rogers at present is also interim pastor of Center Hill Baptist Church, Smith County, a congregation which shares its facilities with the Methodists of the community.

Revival Dates

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton: Feb. 13-18; Bill Hartley, full-time evangelist, former pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., evangelist; Russell Newport, music evangelist; Kermit D. McGregor, pastor.

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tion, and the couples involved usually have a lot of fun as well as feeling the time well spent. Paul Jones, Christian Action Commission; Leon Emery, Church Administration, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, can give you further information or help. The Family Ministry Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board can give assistance to those outside of Mississippi. A.C.M.E.—Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment founded by Dr. and Mrs. David Mace—has helped in this area. Their Broadman Press book entitled Marriage Enrichment in the Church outlines how a church may become involved in this important work.

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Dates and sites include Mar. 20-23, Roswell St. Church, Marietta, Ga.; May 8-11, Council Road Church, Bethany, Okla.; July 3-6, First Church, Houston; Sept. 18-21, First Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Oct. 9-12, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile; and Nov. 6-9, Calvary Church, Alexandria, La.

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Editorials

A liquor party nobody attended

by don mcgregor

A House Judiciary subcommittee held a hearing on Alcohol last week, but the word is that nobody came—no visitors, that is. The only people there were the committee members. This was discouraging to those legislators who have sponsored bills seeking to curb the influence of alcohol, and rightly so. They thought the public wanted such deterrents and was ready to support efforts to get them.

At the beginning of this session of the Legislature, the climate was more favorable than in several years past for getting more restrictive legislation passed concerning alcohol. We need it. Passing drunk driving laws doesn't mean a thing unless there are penalties attached. If the penalties are not stiff enough, the laws to a great extent will be ignored.

There's where we are. We got our alcohol restrictions made more binding. Now we need to make the penalty more costly for violating those restrictions.

News accounts on Monday indicated that a bill putting teeth into "driving under the influence" violations was passed by a House Judiciary A Committee subcommittee chaired by Rep. Jerry Horton of Ecru. The bill must pass the Judiciary A Committee by tonight (Thursday) to make it to the House floor for a vote.

The legislators who are making an effort to get these bills through the Legislature need the help of the people who are interested. That should be all

of us.

Why should the Baptist Christian take a particular interest in helping to decrease the perimeter within which liquor is allowed to do its dastardly damage?

The answer can best be told by the 10 million Americans who are alcoholics or problem drinkers. What do they do to help the cause of humanity as they go their foggy way about their daily business? Well, for one thing, they are involved in a total cost each year of \$53 billion in lost production, health and medical costs, accidents, and violent crimes.

But the telling factor comes when they get out on the highway, and that's what these bills are seeking to address. Eight thousand young people die each year in alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents. Alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for young people from 15 to 24 years of age.

A nationwide organization called MADD—Mothers Against Drunk Drivers—was started because a mother lost a teen-aged daughter to an uncontrolled automobile in which was riding behind the steering wheel a drunk man. Shortly after noon the car swerved off the road and hit the girl with such force that the impact knocked her 120 feet.

That is tragic. We all agree, and those of us who have been spared thus far are thankful for that. But look back up at the total. Eight thousand young people every year are destroyed this

way. Maybe ours will be next, and maybe not. But somebody's kid will be wiped out by alcohol—8,000 of them—unless something is done. And it needs doing here in Mississippi as desperately as anywhere else in the nation.

Everybody remembers the sad story of a college football player driving home from a party off the campus of a Mississippi university just about a year ago. He had had a few beers. Before he got back to his dormitory room a girl was dead, another young man was so injured his legs had to be amputated, and the football player will have to live with the memory for the rest of his life.

Was it worth the few beers? He would say no. But he was out there with the beers because the laws dealing with the situation were too lax.

Let's help the Legislature at least put the brakes on this sort of thing. Let's help the law enforcement officers be able to cope with the situation when they face it. Let's be in touch with our legislators to let them know we support them in their effort. Time is short. It must be done quickly.

Here are the bills:
S 2016 (Mabry) Create offenses for causing death or damage while driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substances.

S 2304 (Smith—47th) Surrender of driver's license for unlawful blood alcohol content.

H 28 (Johnson) Provide penalties for person convicted of driving while under the influence of liquor.

H 74 (Johnson) Prohibit sale of beer or wine to anyone under 21.

H 154 (Dolar) Increase penalties under implied consent law.

H 182 (Dolar, Banks) Amend implied consent law.

H 216 (Presley) Persons arrested for DUI not to be released while intoxicated.

H 217 (Lippian) Increase penalties for driving while under influence of intoxicating liquor.

H 221 (Robinson—by request) Allow constables to administer breath analyzing tests.

H 271 (Shumake) Increase penalties for driving while intoxicated.

H 284 (Wilson, and others) Prohibit advertising of beer signs or billboards in counties in which sale of beer is prohibited.

S 2380 (Thames) Increase DUI penalties under implied consent law.

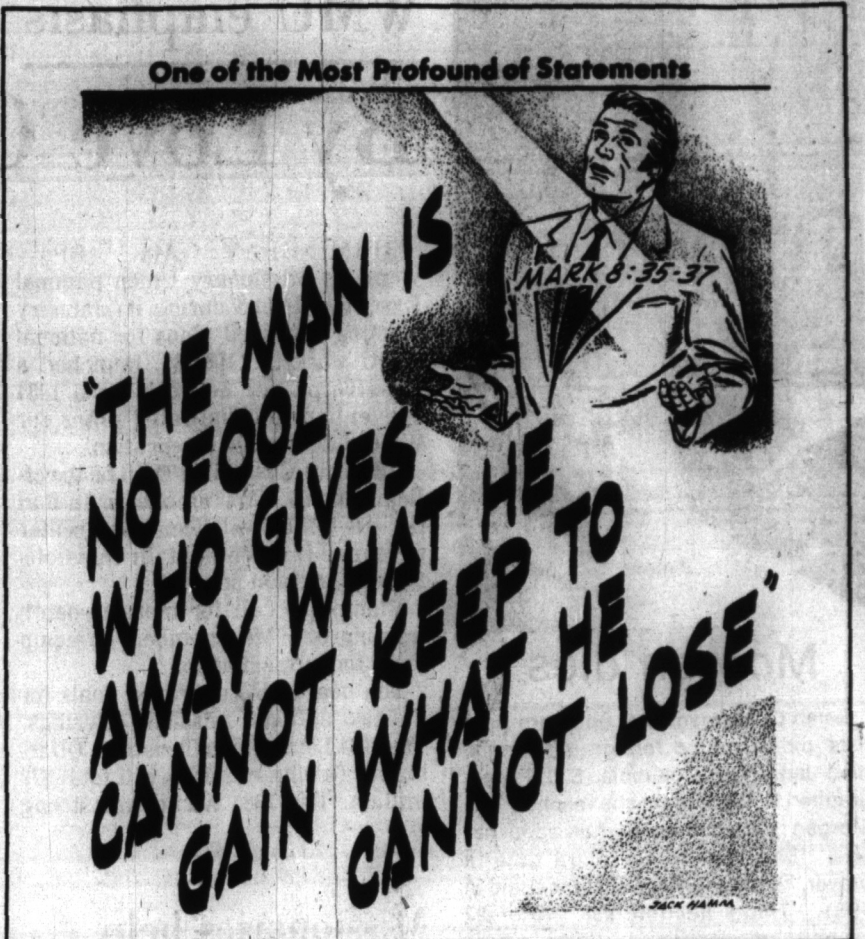
H 663 (Horton) Increase penalty for sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

S 2644 (Johnson) Any person driving while under the influence of alcohol causes death of another shall be guilty of manslaughter.

Time is short. Today, Feb. 3, is the deadline for committees to report bills originating in the committees' own house. Next Thursday, Feb. 10, is the deadline for original floor action on such bills.

Get in touch with your legislator. He is disappointed because he hasn't heard from you already.

The House Judiciary A Subcommittee gave a party, but nobody came.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Miss Alice"

If there are 100 beauty salons in Jackson, I've probably been to 75. But I always wind up coming back to Fondren's, Inc., at 113 N. President. It's only a block from my office, they give the best shampoos in town, and Pat Cotton can do me in 45 minutes.

I've been in Jackson 30 years, but the Fondrens set up business 17 years before I moved here. As far back as I remember, Miss Alice has been answering the phone when I called for an appointment, greeting me cheerily when I arrived, and assuring me I looked pretty when I left (flattery will get you everywhere).

As lots of downtown stores closed, and as parking spaces grew more scarce, Fondren's Beauty Salon changed from the crowded, bustling place I knew in the 50s and 60s. But the beauty school connected with it has continued to thrive. Though only "Teacher" (Ruth) and "Miss Alice" (actually she's Mrs. Lewis, a widow) are holding the fort now, they appear to be doing a good job. They are an integral part of the Jackson scene to me—"always there."

When Miss Alice was hit by a car on West Capitol Street near Calvary Church in 1977, and I heard how badly she was hurt, I thought, "She'll never make it back to work," but she fooled me. I was glad, for I'd missed her. The accident broke both her arms and crushed her right leg so that it had to be amputated. The night she was on the way to surgery, her associate pastor, Bob Wilson of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, was with her. She told him, "I'll hold on to the Lord's promise, I'll never leave you nor forsake you." Later her pastor, Bill Causey, shared this with the congregation and led in special prayer for her.

She confided much later, "The Lord keeps his promises. He has been with me all along the way, and helped me to make this adjustment. Brother W. R. Storie, prayer pastor at Parkway, has been a blessing to me. At first I didn't want anybody to see me without my leg, but I got over that." She was determined to remain useful.

Though she is in a wheelchair, she gets around well in it. I told her not long ago that she has been an inspiration to me, with her pluck and her optimism, and that I could tell she is a Christian by the loving way I see her treat her family (she has two daughters, Jo Ann and Glenda, and five grandsons and four great-grandchildren), and others.

Curiosity killed the cat—and may eventually kill me. I've wondered how six of eight children in the Fondren family became cosmetologists (not "beauticians," Teacher will tell you). Where did they grow up? Are they Baptists? So I asked a few questions.



Alice Fondren Lewis

The Fondrens all grew up in Drew, in the Delta. Their father, James Estel Fondren, helped to build the first Baptist church ever built in Drew (yes, they're all Baptists). His portrait hangs in the Masonic Temple at Drew. He died in his thirties. As they all worked hard in the cotton fields, Ruth would say, "We'll escape this rough life some day, when we move to Jackson and start our family business." Her mother, Josie Bell, encouraged her in this (and later moved to Jackson and worked as a partner in her children's business.)

Red-haired Ruth first began work at the old L & L Salon on Lamar Street in Jackson. She reminisced in her deep throaty voice: "We had those old wood-burning hot water heaters and every morning we had to go out and scrounge up our own wood. We'd go down to Town Creek—and pick up trash wood and then build our first fires." She and Agnes trained in Memphis and then opened the Fondren Sisters' Salon in 1936 at 104½ W. Capitol St. near the depot. Then Phyllis and Alice and later the brothers, Bob and Ervin, studied at the Fondren school and began work there, as instructors or operators. Bob kept the books. Now Agnes and Bob have died. Phyllis and Ervin both suffered strokes in 1981. Phyllis lives on Sunny Lane, Jackson. Ervin lives alone at Apple Manor, in south Jackson, an apartment house especially for the handicapped. Grace (Ackerman) and Kyle (Gulport) are the two who didn't go to beauty school.

Ruth has taught the concepts of hair design to at least 9,000 students and has 24 enrolled now in her classes (75 was her biggest class). In 1948 the Fondrens finally talked the legislators into passing a state cosmetology law, when Ruth drew a big map of the U.S., showing all the other states as white sheep, and Mississippi as the one black sheep with no such law to insure professionalism.

Out front, still at the desk, is Miss Alice.

Private education, public money, and prayer

The Mississippi Legislature is considering a bill on tuition tax credits (H 709—Baptist Record, Jan. 27), and President Ronald Reagan also recently made a statement in support of such legislation. The theory in supporting tuition tax credits seems to be that the parents of those children attending private colleges are being taxed twice in that they are also paying taxes in support of public higher education.

Taxing is not the proper term in both instances, of course, for it is tuition that is paid to the private schools. Unquestionably, some relief from that tuition bill would be attractive.

Certain factors need to be considered, however. The first is that the families sending children to private schools have a choice. The Baptist Record supports as strongly as we possibly can the concept of private Christian education, and it must be allowed to continue its very worthwhile ministry. But those families with children in those schools have made a choice and evidently feel they can make the payments some way. They need to continue the support of public education,

for that is the only way that public education can survive; and we must have it also.

Additionally, to take tax money from the public sector to be used in support of private Baptist education means that we are asking Methodists, Mormons, Catholics, heathens, and Episcopalians to help us pay for providing a Baptist education for our children. By the same token, of course, we would be helping the Methodists and the Presbyterians in Mississippi to do the same. The trouble is, the Mormons and the heathens don't have any religious schools in Mississippi. So we couldn't offer them the same sort of help that we would be getting.

An additional factor is that not all Mississippi Baptists agree with the concept of people of other denominations helping us pay for our college education; but all Mississippi Baptists who support the Cooperative Program, and that's almost all, are supporting Baptist education in Mississippi.

Baptists are mentioned here because that's what we are. The principle is the same regardless of the denomination. The problem is that our

Baptists schools do need more money—desperately. Twenty two cents out of every dollar given goes to Christian higher education, but that's not much when it's spread among three schools, including Clarke as a division of Mississippi College. They need to find some untapped sources, or those sources need to come forward voluntarily. But it shouldn't be the public tax coffers from whence the money comes.

The President also avowed his support of what he called "voluntary" prayer in the public school. His concept of voluntary, however, is having an administration-sponsored prayer meeting; and the students who didn't want to participate could leave. Again, it must be remembered that the teacher who would be leading that prayer meeting might be Methodist, Mormon, Catholic, heathen, or Episcopalian. How it would work if he or she were an heathen is a puzzle, but that's the system that the President is supporting.

Until just recently the Supreme Court had never said that there could not be true voluntary prayer in public schools; and it may not have said so

yet. It had an unfortunate choice to make in the case of a Lubbock, Texas, high school recently; and, unfortunately, it made a bad choice. It may not have had any good choice available.

The Supreme Court declined to review a case in which a lower court had ruled that students at the Lubbock high school could not gather on the school grounds before or after school for a prayer meeting. That decision violates the free assembly clause of the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. Unfortunately, the Lubbock school had been having administration-sponsored prayer meetings in violation of the no religious establishment clause. Therefore, the Supreme Court was caught in a bind. So it did nothing. Perhaps there was nothing it could do.

Hopefully, somebody sometime will have a case where a sharp line can be drawn. If our children want to gather on the school grounds before school or stay after school for prayer, they should be allowed to do so. The Baptists, however, don't need a Jehovah's Witness teacher telling them how to do it.

Guest opinion

Whither S B C?

By John H. Jeffers

The meetings are over and the reports are in—at least for the present. Moderates requested and got two meetings with President Draper to discuss "depolarizing" the office of president. He graciously declined their suggestions. The president then called a small group together representing both points of view in search of ways toward unity and harmony; the outcome was that a larger group should meet. They did—about forty, consisting of convention officers, agency heads, and representatives of conservatives and moderates—on Nov. 12. Out of that meeting, the Baptist Press has reported some statements that clarify our options.

Dr. Paige Patterson posed six questions to be seriously considered by convention leadership—especially agency heads. The sixth one raised the issue of financial support through the Cooperative Program. Quote: "Is there a plan by which all Southern

Baptists may participate together in a cooperative way without the necessity of supporting that which is morally and theologically repugnant to them? The question here is not that of funding some things about which there is disagreement. The question relates to the funding of that, which to us, is unconscionable." He went on to identify the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and The Christian Life Commission as unconscionable. He would be comfortable with the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, but other agencies, including seminaries would merit support only after "giving it extensive thought agency by agency."

The issue becomes clearer: Dr. Patterson speculates that there could be a "radical revision" of the denomination's unified giving plan, the Cooperative Program. Further quote: "There

is either going to have to be a revision of the Cooperative Program—not an abolition, merely a restructuring—or it will suffer some enormous trauma—not a threat—just an observation."

Whither the S B C? Shall we go the way of Patterson-Pressler et al, and open the Pandora's box of how to restructure the Cooperative Program so as to allow everyone to support what he will, and withhold from what he will not? This is really a relapse into the pre-1925 method of supporting our agencies and institutions from contributions solicited by mission and education societies.

The alternative is clear enough. It is to continue on the course that has led us to unprecedented growth in every area of our work in the post World War II era.

We have had three years now to observe where the present leadership is taking us, and the way is considerably clearer now than it was three years ago. Who will decide? The agencies will not, for they serve rather than determine direction. The moderates will not for we have neither the clout nor the disposition to play hardball. The conservatives may—indeed, some say they have already prevailed and that all that remains is for them to pick up the marbles.

Messengers will decide—at Pittsburgh—at Kansas City, and on beyond. And two thoughts occur: given the nature of God and of Baptist democracy, God will do the best He can with the decision, and we will deserve what we get.

John H. Jeffers is pastor of First Church, Auburn, Ala.

Letters to the Editor

A letter to the President

Editor:

The letter I sent to President Ronald Reagan is not a political act but one of moral tone.

If you see fit, use all or part of the letter in the Baptist Record. Use my name if you desire.

I hope the Record will speak out against such actions and other such happenings as often as possible.

God bless you and the Baptist Record and the staff.

Jimmy D. Carr, pastor
Puckett Baptist Church

January 27, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Many of the people here in America are going through some hard times due to the economy. These people need to see a strong man in the White House seeking to lead, comfort, and give

spiritual insight into the direction of recovery and renewal.

My heart broke as a Christian, pastor, and parent yesterday when they aired on television a scene of you turning up a mug of beer in a beer joint.

Also, Mr. President, our country is being over-run by mind stimulants; of which beer, wine, and whiskey seems to lead the way. Your presence in a place that sells such products and partaking of a sip or a whole mug is inexcusable.

It is my deepest prayer that you, Mr. President, would ask God to forgive you of this compromise.

I pray for you Mr. President, this nation, and for our recovery.
Rev. Jimmy D. Carr

In the triangle of love between ourselves, God and other people is found the secret of existence, and the best foretaste, I suspect, that we can have on earth of what heaven will probably be like.—Samuel M. Shoemaker

Discounts for seniors

Editor:

I would like to request that the following information be included in the next printing of the Mississippi Baptist Record. I feel that your readers can benefit from the discount that Mississippi State Parks is now offering.

Mississippi State Parks is offering a 20 percent discount to park cabin and motel guests from Sunday through Thursday nights through April. The discount also applies to the special two night excursion package that is being offered during this time at several state parks for senior citizen groups of 25 or more. Meals will be provided for a reasonable cost as well as a variety of indoor activities. Outdoor activities such as hiking and fishing will be available to those desiring to participate. Please contact the Jackson office at 961-5250 for more details.

Linda Vaughn
Central District Parks Representative

Mississippian in New York

Editor:

My family and I resigned the North Ripley Church in Ripley in December of 1979 and moved to Glens Falls, N. Y., in January of 1980 to begin a Southern Baptist church. God has been good to us and blessed us with 19 members, an average Sunday attendance of 35 to 40, and two weekly radio programs plus numerous home Bible studies. For these three years now we have been renting a room in a local hotel to worship in, but on Dec. 10, 1982, we were GIVEN six acres of land to build on. We plan to build a log building on this property next summer. The price will be approximately \$50,000. We are committed to not borrowing to see this come to pass. Our building fund stands presently at \$3,767.

Bob Lynn, Pastor
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Prayer for missions

Editor:

I would like to remind the readers of The Baptist Record of how very important their prayers are in producing great spiritual results in our foreign mission efforts. We must pray seriously for many persons to be saved, called to serve, and for many new churches to be formed.

Readers who would like to pray earnestly for specific missionary requests are encouraged to write:

FMB Prayer Lists
Box 6767
Richmond, VA 23230

A list of specific prayer needs will be sent monthly along with reports on items previously included. God answers prayer!

Catherine B. Walker
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NINE BOYS AND GIRLS in sixth grade Sunday School at First Baptist Church, West Point, have achieved the Level of Excellence in the Bible Searchers Memory Plan. Left to right, they are MELISSA DAWN SMITH, REBECCA DUKE, ANGELICA LAYNE ROBINSON, JAN WHITTINGTON, RAY FARRISH, ALLAN CLARKE, DAVE GLASGOW, and PAUL WAITS, and not pictured, MARK CLYETT. To reach this level, the children were required to learn 40 weekly memory verses, the divisions and books of the Bible, and four specified Scripture passages. They were given Certificates of Excellence from the Sunday School Board at Nashville. Their teachers are Mrs. Charles Rodgers, B. Z. Dyer, and Steve Stanley; their director is Mrs. Allie S. Vance. The church Sunday School director is Homer Dyer; the pastor is David Hall.



Strong Hope (Copiah) recently licensed Tommy Mullen to the gospel ministry. Mullen, age 17 and a junior at Wesson High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Mullen.

JEWELL GREER was recently presented a special certificate of license to the sacred music ministry by Easthaven Baptist Church, Brookhaven. He also was given a director's edition of the new Baptist Hymnal. Jewell and his wife, Lisa, are students at Co-Lin Junior College and he is serving with Westside Church, Hazlehurst. Left to right, David Perry, pastor of Easthaven, Lisa and Jewell Greer.

On "Baptist Men's Day," Phil Fancher was ordained as a deacon at South Louisville Baptist Church, Louisville, on Jan. 23, during the night service. Deacons and the pastor of South Louisville, Gary Rivers, conducted the service.

Franklin Church, Florida, recently ordained Steve Burgess as deacon. J. W. Brister, director of missions, Hinds-Madison Association, presented the ordination charge. The pastor is Ken Trappnell.



MRS. DAISY WALL, member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Mississippi Baptist Association, Rt. 2, Liberty, was recently awarded a pin for 25 years perfect attendance in Sunday School by her pastor, Ken Trappnell.

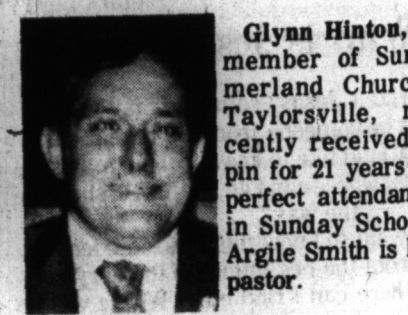
Mrs. Wallace (Louise Brown) Merrill, 65, of 1605 Linden Place, Jackson, died Saturday, Jan. 22, in Las Vegas, Nev. Services were 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson. She was a native of Leake County, but was a long time resident of Jackson. Her first husband, Robert Gordon Brown, died in 1955. She was formerly associated with the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Deposit Guaranty National Bank and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. She was a member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church where she was in the choir and was a Sunday School teacher. She is survived by her husband, Wallace W. Merrill; daughters, Mrs. Penny Brown Adams of Little Rock, Ark., Mrs. Weeta Brown West of Huntsville, Ala., Mrs. Peggy Brown Clower of Plano, Texas; and five grandchildren.



Jackie C. Hamilton and his family were honored Jan. 23 on his tenth anniversary as pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Meridian, with a reception and gift. Hamilton went to Highland from Riverside Baptist Church, New Orleans, La. During his ministry, Highland has experienced growth. Receipts have more than doubled, as have total gifts to missions. A new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 800 has been constructed.

A gift in memory of John R. Sloan has been given to the Travis Scholarship Fund at Blue Mountain College by his wife and son, Ronald, of Aberdeen. The Travis Scholarship program was established to grant scholarships annually to qualified Southern Baptist ministers who have surrendered their lives and who are preparing for ministry in a Southern Baptist church or agency.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MORTON held a deacon ordination service Jan. 9, for BOB WINSTEAD, left, and DAVID BYRD, right. James Yates, pastor of First, Yazoo City, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, delivered the charge to the church. Gil Green of Birmingham, Ala., delivered the charge to the deacons. James Spencer, pastor of First, Morton, preached the ordination sermon.



Glynn Hinton, a member of Summerland Church, Taylorsville, recently received a pin for 21 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Argile Smith is his pastor.

Pray for MKs

The following missionary kids, children of home and/or foreign missionaries, who are in college in Mississippi, have birthdays in February: Feb. 17—Mark B. Watson (Philippines), Miss. State University; Feb. 24—Catherine E. Brogan, Hinds Junior College; Feb. 25—Thomas E. Marler (Guam), Miss. State University.

Mt. Olive Church, Carroll County, has called Larry Kilgore, student at Mississippi College, as interim pastor. Kilgore goes there from the Horseshoe Baptist Church, Holmes County.

Leon Harris has resigned as pastor of Mohoba Baptist Church.

Troy Sumrall has resigned as pastor of Piave Church (Greene) and is serving as interim pastor at Rummelstown. Piave has called Danny Tartar, William Carey student, as pastor.

Jerry Nance is new minister of music at Mt. Zion (Lincoln).

Northside Church (George) has elected George Jones as youth director.

Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, has welcomed a new pastor, Jackie Kay, and his family with an old-fashioned founding.

Terry Cutrer has been called as pastor of Poppys Ferry Church, Gulf Coast.

Dexter Ware has resigned at Smyrna Church, Copiah County, to become associate pastor and minister of youth and evangelism at First Church, Crestview, Fla.

Avery M. Jones is moving from the pastorate of Shubuta Baptist Church to the pastorate of Siloam Baptist Church, West Point.



1st, Natchez is building sanctuary

First Baptist Church, Natchez, observed groundbreaking ceremonies for a new sanctuary and education building on Jan. 16, following the morning worship service. Left to right: are Odean Puckett, pastor; Frank Vaught; Kelly Pyron and Paul Green, and co-chairmen of the Building Committee; Mrs. Cleo Adams; Mrs. Eunice Hayland; and Dan Wynn, minister of education. The colonial buildings will include a 1,000-seat auditorium with an 80 voice choir loft, brides' room, prayer room, reception room, kitchen, parlor, music suite, and Sunday School classrooms. Construction began Jan. 17. Warren McCleskey of Hattiesburg is the architect and Berle Smith of Jackson, the interior designer.

Staff Changes

James Griffith has resigned Highland, Crystal Springs, to accept the Corinth pastorate near Carthage.

Zion Hill (Copiah) has called J. Frank Smith as pastor.

East Salem Church, Greene County, has called Ken Lambert as pastor. Lambert is attending Mobile College.

Hinkle Church (Alcorn) has called David Grisham as pastor.

Mantee Baptist Church, Mantee, has called David M. Rowison as pastor. He goes from a pastorate at New Henfield Baptist Church, Carriere. He is a student at New Orleans Seminary and will graduate in May. He has served churches in Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

James K. Burke has assumed the pastorate of Sardis Baptist Church (Smith). He goes from Straight Bayou (Sharkey) where he has served since 1981. Burke is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary and has earned eight diplomas in the Church Study Course awards system. He has served past-

rates in Alabama and as Director of Associational missions. He and Mrs. Burke served four years in pioneer missions in Illinois. He was serving as Sharkey-Issaquena associational VBS director.

Byron Cutrer has joined the music staff of First Baptist Church, Jackson. He moved to Jackson from the staff of First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga. While in Mississippi College, Cutrer was a part of First, Jackson's Revelation. He received the Master of Church Music degree from New Orleans Seminary. He will assume leadership of the Jackson church's high school choir, direct an adult group of 30 singers, direct the music for Wednesday night prayer services, and assist the music minister, Larry Black, with the Singles Choir.

J. Milton Burns has resigned at the Bel Aire Baptist Church, Gulfport, as pastor, and has accepted the pastorate of the Russell Baptist Church, Lauderdale County.

Mark Parnell began his ministry Feb. 1 as minister of youth education/activities at First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. He is a native of Durham, N. C., and is a graduate of Mars Hill College and attended East Carolina University. He was graduated from Southwestern Seminary in July, 1982.

THE VILLAGE VIEW

Baptist Children's Village

P. O. Box 11308 Jackson, MS 39213

We Need Houseparent Staff

At the present time we are in need of houseparent staff for live-in positions to serve in cottage life. Houseparent responsibilities include care of and attendance to the needs of the children and young people who live with us. Couples and single ladies who are interested in applying for these positions or in acquiring additional information are urged to contact Henry Glaze either by calling (601) 922-2242 or writing Box 11308, Jackson, MS 39213. Both interest and prayerful consideration will be greatly appreciated.

The Village's HONOR ROLL of Churches in February 10th issue

"SPECIAL PROJECTS" can be work projects or underwriting expenses of special needs done by groups or by individuals undertaken on any campus "special" to volunteers and "special" to our Village family. For questions and additional information contact: Ruth Glaze, Box 11308, Jackson, Miss. 39213 or by calling 922-2242.



First residents of Earl House on the Dickinson Place Campus pose for their first formal picture. Mrs. Helen Hamm, housemother, is pictured with the girls.

Gifts of Honor and Memory

Dec. 26 - Jan. 25

A portion of the Village View is allocated each month to a listing of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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Frank Zgarba
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Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Puls

Just for the Record



THE GIRLS IN ACTION OF TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, RANKIN COUNTY, had a birthday party for their newly elected grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Harris, on Jan. 12. They presented her with a G.A. membership pin. On Dec. 23, the girls delivered fruit baskets to six widows of their church. Their leaders are Sue Foster and Cathy Edwards. O. Lyn Nations is pastor.



ANTIOCH CHURCH, BRUCE, burned a note recently, signifying that the debt is paid on its new kitchen and other facilities. Building Committee members pictured are James West, Wilburn Bagwell, and W. J. Pearson, and not shown, Jimmie Turner and Jerry Bullard.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OF BELLEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON COUNTY, issued a challenge to its members to read the Bible through in 1982. On January 2, 1983, Frank Glover, director of Sunday School, gave certificates to the following for having completed their reading of the Bible. Left to right, back row: Alvin McDaniels, Richard Nesosiss, Willie Palmer, Shirley Rainey, Frank Glover. Front row: Lorene Seagroves, Bea Drake, Cora Alexander, Jamesetta Tallent.



A RECOGNITION SERVICE for Older GAs was held at Scooba Baptist Church and badges were presented to Sue Irby, Stacie Cunningham, Rhonda Boldin, and Janice McMurty. Others participating in the service were Kim Currie, Stacey Johnson, Kathy Hutcherson, and Mrs. Brenda Barham, GA director and older GA leader.

Bible Book

Victory through the Spirit

By Joe H. Tuten, pastor,
Calvary, Jackson
Romans 8:1-39

Chapter eight is the favorite part of the book of Romans to many people. It is with excitement that I write this lesson on "Victory Through the Spirit." There were, in retrospect, some obvious deficiencies in my theological education. One of the most glaring deficiencies was that I did not encounter even one class lecture on the Holy Spirit in nine years of seminary study. After thirty years, this still astounds me. Thankfully, fresh and serious attention is being given today to this third person of the Godhead.

John said, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Many Christians are finding this true in a personal way on a daily basis.

The larger unit of study, let us be reminded, is "God's Plan for Dealing with Sin" (3:1 through 8:39). A vital part of God's plan for dealing with sin is to give his children repeated and continual victory through the Holy Spirit. Hopefully, this lesson will help each of us to begin experiencing this victory in our life.

Each Christian can have, indeed, does have, a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit just as he has a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This important biblical truth needs to be taught and emphasized in order for more Christians to learn how to live as a Christian and fulfill their purpose and desire to glorify God in their lives.

The power of the Spirit and the weakness of the flesh (8:1-13)

The Spirit is the central and dominant concept in chapter eight. The Greek word for Spirit occurs 20 times. Repeated emphasis is given to the fact that man has a spiritual environment as well as a physical environment. He lives within both environments simultaneously. Furthermore, he has firsthand experience with the operation of two different and distinct laws (forces) in his life. He has been set free "from the law of sin and death" (8:2), but the law (force) is still out there.

The other law (force) is "the law (force, power) of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" (8:2). How can the Christian live in two environments at the same time while subject to being affected by two altogether different forces? Some would say that the Christian is helpless. Not so!

Paul preached a doctrine that has become very unpopular today. He preached that the individual is responsible for his own mind (8:5). That im-

plies that the individual—not the parent; not the teacher; not the church; not the government—is responsible for his life. Some "set their minds on the things of the flesh." Others "set their minds on the things of the Spirit."

Paul used the term "flesh" throughout this passage to describe the way of life that leaves God out. Thus, the life of the flesh is the godless life. Verse eight should be understood in this way. Those who leave God out of their lives cannot please God. The implication is that those who include God in their lives do, indeed, please God. The people today who are trying to live for God need the encouragement of knowing that they are pleasing God. The indwelling Spirit affirms their pleasing relationship to God (8:9-10).

The laws of our country prohibit the concept of double jeopardy. Observe, conversely, that Paul held to the concept that the Christian is both "in Christ Jesus" (8:1) and Christ is in the Christian (8:10). I suppose Paul believed in double security!

The inheritance of God's children (8:14-27). Paul identified several great life values which are inherited by those in whom the Spirit dwells. They are led by the Spirit (8:14). They have the affirming witness of the Spirit that they are the children of God (8:16). They have the firstfruits of the Spirit (8:23). The life of the Christian is filled with hope and usefulness. It is sad for a Christian to measure life by secular standards and be unaware of his tremendous inheritance as a child of God.

Confidence in God's purpose (8:28-30). Why did God ever create the world and man anyhow? It is a hard question. Perhaps the writer of Hebrews comes closest to answering it when he speaks of God "bringing many sons unto glory" (2:10). God certainly has a purpose in the life of every Christian. His purpose is that we shall be "conformed to the image of his Son" (8:29). God ultimately will make every Christian into the character likeness of Jesus Christ. That is God's promise, and every Christian can be confident about it. The process is a long one—a lifetime and more.

Along the way, every Christian will have good things and bad things in their lives. What about those bad things, some of them very bad and very, very painful and embarrassing? The message of Romans 8:28 is that the grace of God can take the most awful things of life and bring good out of them. I like the line of simple poetry which says, "Out of the mud banks his lilies grow."

Victory because of God's love (8:31-

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Asserting Kingship

By John G. Armistead, pastor,
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Luke 19:29-40, 45-48

At the time of the birth of Jesus the question of the Magi was, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" (Matt. 2:2). During the ministry of Jesus people wondered if he were the long awaited Messiah-King. Some asked, "Are you he who should come or should we look for someone else?" (Luke 7:19). Until this point in his life Jesus had not answered definitely. Now with the cross only a few days away, he answers emphatically.

I. The King asserts his sovereignty (19:29-34)

Because of the general misunderstanding of the nature of the Messiah-King, Jesus refused to accept such honors before. After the feeding of the 5,000 when the excited crowds tried to take him by force and make him their king, he quietly slipped away to be alone in the mountains. Now, however, when preparing to enter Jerusalem for his final Passover, Jesus took steps to assert unmistakably his sovereignty. In one deliberate action he knowingly fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah that the Messiah-King would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. This was an act of tremendous courage in that his enemies were already plotting to kill him.

Jesus boldly declared to the Jews that he was King with this daring ride. Yet he is more than just king of the Jews. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. It is unto him that every knee must bow and every tongue confess.

II. The King expects our homage (19:35-40)

The joyful people, seeing what he was doing, spread their clothes in the pathway as he rode and began to praise God for at long last sending their king. Amid this wild cheering the King rode into the Holy City. Some of the Pharisees, worried perhaps that such a demonstration could bring harsh reaction from the Romans, urged Jesus to silence the people. Jesus replied that the very stones would cry out if the people did not. The

Christian is assured of victory because of the unfailing love of God (8:39). God avowed this to the prophet Hosea. Christ avowed it by refusing to turn away from the cross. There is nothing in heaven above or hell beneath, and no creature in between the two, that "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (8:39). God is the eternal enemy of sin which is our enemy determined to destroy us.

Dottie's pearls

Dottie loved pearls and longed to have them:
White pearls, colored pearls, any pearls.
When she became a dainty young lady,
She felt the call of God to be a missionary.

She went to Japan, a great pearl country.
Little by little she began to acquire pearls—
a few at a time to place on strings.
Over the years she became an expert with pearls.

She learned more of what Jesus meant when he spoke of a pearl of great price:
All her precious converts became her real pearls!
She loved them, won them, and taught them!

She thought of the ways the pearls grow in the shells of lowly, unlikely oysters:
How painfully for the oysters the pearls form and grow.
And lo, she realized that often through pain the pearls of great price form and mature.

Now that she has a string thirty years long of precious pearls, she thanks God from her heart for his kind wisdom and gracious goodness and his love for priceless human pearls, who, unlike oyster-shell pearls, will together praise God throughout eternity!

—Mark Lowry

Who is Jesus?

Who is Jesus? someone may ask, Is he someone from the recent past? I would like to know, people may say, But where can I go, for him to show me the way?

I want to know this blessed friend From the beginning, to the very end Where can I find him? Where will he be?

I want to know; someone please tell me.

Is he here, here in my heart, Or is he somewhere, somewhere far apart?

Is he there, there at the end Or can he now make me free again? Someone please tell me Before this night is through.

I want to know him— How about you?

—Lori Bolen, Ecru, age 11

Love is its own reason for being—it needs no other justification.

Scrapbook

The old swing

When I was under my mother's wing,
I learned to pump an ole playground swing.

The more I pumped the higher I'd go,
But when I'd stop I'd die below.
It didn't take long for me to know,
The more I'd pump the higher I'd go.

The same is true of life today,
Since I took Jesus in to stay.
The higher my spirit begins to fly,
I seem to know the reason why!
It's because I've thought to pray
And ask him in to guide my way.

But when my spirit seems to die,
I already know the reason why.
It's because I've forgotten to pray
And ask his blessings to come my way.

—Barbara Jones, Soso

For where love is wanting, the beauty of all virtue is mere tinsel, is empty sound, is not worth a straw, nay more, is offensive and disgusting.—
John Calvin

A question

Jesus is coming soon
On that you can rely,
And I hope that I myself
Can go with him on high.

I can't wait for him to come
And take the righteous away
To live with him in heaven,
Praising God every day.

When I go to heaven
And see God face to face
I'll know it's not by my works,
But by God's saving grace.

When you really do see God
And meet him face to face
He won't ask about the weather—
It won't matter anyway.

He'll ask a serious question:
What have you done with my Son?
Did you really believe
He truly was the One? ...

—Billy Stewart, Jr., 14
Paul Truitt Church, Pearl

Devotional

Two kinds of worry

By Earl H. Craig, Jr., pastor
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Matthew 6:34

There are basically two kinds of worry. One is useless and the other is useful. One destroys and the other builds. One defeats and the other wins. The useful kind of worry is called "concern." The useless kind of worry is called "sin."

Distinguishing between these two is very important. So much of our time is wasted because we fail to discern between these two types of worry. Worrying about things or people that we cannot change is useless. We would fare better to concentrate on the positive, constructive types of worry.

George Henderson wrote: "One of the most common causes of nervous exhaustion is to attempt to live three days in one. When one lives in a state of constant remorse because of past sins, and perpetually worries about the trials and the responsibilities that may come tomorrow, and he finds that the tasks and obligations of today must be discharged, the natural result is a mind overwrought."

What does the Bible say about the three days with which we all have to deal? About YESTERDAY, Paul wrote, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind . . . I press toward the mark . . . of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." About TOMORROW, Jesus said, "Be not anxious about tomorrow for tomorrow shall take thought for the things of itself." About TODAY, our Lord said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Daily commitment to Jesus Christ and his way of life will enable us to cope with these three days. It is, indeed, futile to try and live three days in one. The answer to sinful worry is to seek God's Kingdom today!

A little girl once prayed: "Dear God, take care of mommy, daddy, and my baby brother. And please take care of yourself. If anything happens to you, we're all sunk."

The prayer is not bad theology. The ultimate answer to worry is to know God is present and has not "sunk." He is present to calm the seas around us and still the storms within us.

Life and Work

The narrow way

By Beverly V. Tinnin, pastor,
First, Meridian
Matthew 7:13-14; 10:34-39; 16:24-27

Some years ago the medical profession was elated over the report that a certain virus had been isolated in a laboratory, giving promise of preparing a vaccine that would prevent a dread disease. But when other doctors sought to follow the instructions detailed in a paper intended to permit the isolation of the virus, failure was experienced. Harsh criticism directed toward the doctor resulted. There was a newsman who was convinced of the integrity and skill of the scientist who asked to follow him through the experiment in his laboratory. He tied one arm behind him since the doctor had only one arm. At one crucial point in the experiment the scientist having only one arm placed a test tube containing the virus in his vest pocket. The reporter doing the same completed his experiment successfully. The virus was kept alive by body heat at the point when others failed to follow suit.

Jesus is saying in today's lesson that life is a discipline. There cannot be success in life without rigid control of one's faculties. Not only in the medical laboratory but in sports, the arts, business, or marriage. Only with disciplined efforts can one achieve his goals.

Jesus frequently let the gate of a city serve as a teaching symbol (7:13,14).

Here if one's goal is to enter the city, then one must go through the gate. No matter if it is narrow and it takes some doing to get through. Foolish is the person who eschews the effort and for ease of travel takes a wide road with no confining gates. This person fails to achieve his goal when he chose only comfortable travelling conditions.

Since Jesus himself is "the way" or "the door," to enter through the "narrow gate" is to accept his mastery. This means one is to try to live by Jesus' teachings while at the same time depending on the grace of God.

Even family life must take second place to loyalty to God. (16:24-27).

In Jesus' day undoubtedly many who became his followers found themselves at odds with their own families. Many times they were cut off and no longer welcome in their own homes. We live in a different surrounding. Persons who become Christians generally do so to the great rejoicing of the other members of their family. Few alienate themselves from the people they love when they accept Christ. We need to examine our commitment to Christ to see if it is up to the demands to be willing to leave father, mother, brother, sister, wife or child before turning one's back on God.

Jesus concludes by demanding from his disciples crossbearing. It was not a popular concept. Paul's writing refers frequently to the "scandal of the cross." He explained this was a stumbling block to the Jews. In their perception of Messiah they saw a triumphant figure like King David driving the enemy out of the land. To them the cross was a symbol of defeat at the hands of the Romans. Furthermore, Paul said the cross was "foolishness" to the Greeks. In their philosophy they saw flesh as evil. God was only mind or spirit and as such could not die. To think of "dead flesh" as being God was an absurdity to them or foolishness. Jesus said Christians must embrace and accept the reality of the cross.

Discipleship means crossbearing (16:24-27).

Not only must disciples accept the reality of the cross for Jesus, there is the necessity of personal crossbearing. It should be underscored that there must be a choice and voluntary acceptance of the cross for every individual. Some have confused limitations or circumstances that are unavoidable as "their cross." Nothing is further from the truth. Seeing the pain and the shame, the disciple of Jesus chooses God's course for his life anyway.

In conclusion, Jesus proposes that we give up the world's way, sacrifice our ego, and put God at the center of our lives. This is indeed entering through the "narrow gate." Passing through that gate allows us to discover unlimited possibilities and ultimate satisfaction.

Lottie Moon reports

Churches of Clarke County Association, as of Jan. 24, 1983, had given \$38,366.65 to the 1982 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The director of missions, Grady Crowell, states that the goal for the association was \$33,000.

He said, "The 1981 Annual shows \$27,413 given to foreign missions, including Lottie Moon, and the 1982 Annual shows \$32,546 given to foreign missions, including Lottie Moon. Now, thankfully, the 82-83 emphasis has resulted in our being blessed with at least \$38,366.65. This is an average of \$1,278.88 per church or over \$100 per month per church to Lottie Moon."

What men commonly call love is usually an affection which shuns like the plague truth between people. Where there is no will to truth, even sacrifice turns to flattery.—Knud E. Logstrup